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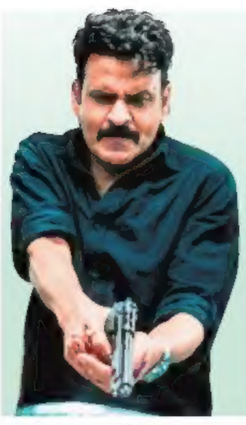

Netflix pulls Ghooskhor Pandat content after govt fiat

The film's title triggered outrage on social media, with many saying it portrays a particular community in a bad light.

The Uttar Pradesh Police registered an FIR against the film's director Ritesh Shah.

Producer Neeraj Pandey said the film does not target any caste, religion or community.

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Vaibhav gives English lessons

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T20 ICC MEN'S WORLD CUP

Today's Matches

11am: Pakistan vs Netherlands (Colombo)

3pm: West Indies vs Scotland (Kolkata)

7pm: India vs USA (Mumbai)

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

RIGHT after losing the Asia Cup to Pakistan, the India U-19 team was under pressure. For a boy of 14, that seemed like a mountain. Despite magical debut, questions were raised about Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's ability to play in crunch games. The only way he could have stopped those doubters was through his knocks.

And that came on Friday at the final of the U19 World Cup. Sooryavanshi, playing like a man in a boy's match, struck one of the greatest 100s to help India win their sixth U-19 World Cup. A day before the seniors start their campaign to defend the T20 World Cup at home, Sooryavanshi & Co produced a power-packed batting performance against England in the final at Harare.

What seemed most astonishing is the way Sooryavanshi could middle the ball with such consummate ease and regularity. He made a record-breaking 80-ball 175 (15x4, 15x6). England tried gamely but fell 100 runs short.

On a sun-kissed day, India, who opted to bat first, needed to make hay as England had several batting match-winners in their ranks. They needn't have worried as their principal batter, Sooryavanshi, already exposed to senior cricket in all three formats, tore into the English attack. P17

LS rift may hit rest of session

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH the ties between the government and the Opposition at a near breaking point, uncertainty hangs over the remaining days of the first phase of the Budget Session in the Lok Sabha. Opposition parties have signalled that protests will be intensified as there has been no conciliatory move from the government, fuelling fears of further disruptions to discussion on the Union Budget 2026-27 in the week ahead.

The flashpoints are the government's refusal to allow Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi to speak in the Lok Sabha on former Army chief General Naravane's book and the suspension of eight Opposition MPs for alleged unruly behaviour.

The divide deepened after Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a sharp attack on the Congress and other Opposition parties in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. Speaker Birla's remark that he had 'credible information' about some MPs planning an 'unprecedented action' against the PM added fuel to the fire, with Opposition leaders strongly objecting to the allegation.

Opposition members protest in the Well raising slogans against the government in the Lok Sabha on Friday | PTI

The Lok Sabha is scheduled to resume discussion on the Budget on February 9, 10 and 11, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman set to reply on February 11. However, Opposition leaders have made it clear the debate may not proceed as scheduled. Although the Budget discussions were to begin on February 5, proceedings were stalled due to pandemonium.

The first phase of the Budget Session is scheduled to conclude on February 13. After a recess, Parliament will reconvene for the second phase from March 9 to April 2.

Congress chief whip Kodikunnil Suresh told this paper that the government had shown little inclination to engage with the Opposition. "It is the government's responsibility to reach out to the Opposition and resolve differences. No such effort has been made. On Wednesday, our leaders met the Speaker and placed demands, but there has been no response," he said.

RBI will pay up to ₹25k to digi victims

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

WITH digital frauds becoming commonplace, the RBI decided to cast a safety net around banking customers by paying 70% of small value money or up to ₹25,000 lost in fraudulent transactions, RBI governor Sanjay Malhotra said on Friday. This is a once in a lifetime arrangement without asking questions provided that no malafide intent. The customer would not even be asked if he shared the OTP with the fraudster.

The remaing 30% loss will be equally shared by the customer (15%) and the bank to ensure all parties have skin in the game, Malhotra said.

This was among the measures the RBI announced for better customer protection and digital payments safety as part of fresh regulations, including stricter guidelines on mis-selling, loan recovery, and customer liability.

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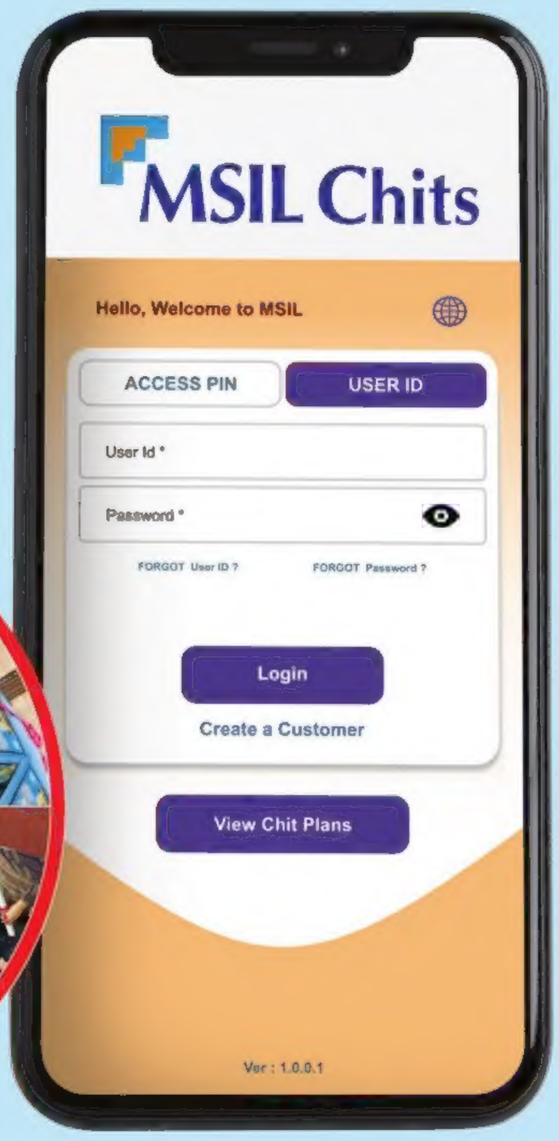

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